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Savannah, Georgia

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Savannah State College

hereby confers upon

the degree of
Bachelor of Science
in

together with all the rights, privileges and honors pertaining thereto in consideration of the satisfactory completion of the course prescribed by the Faculty of this College.

In Witness Whereof the undersigned have affixed their names and the seal of the College of Savannah, Georgia, on the ninth day of August, 1973.

Prince Jackson Jr.
President, Savannah State College

George L. Simpson, Jr.
Chancellor of the University System

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WISDOM JUSTICE MODERATION
1891
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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Registrar of the College

The Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence

Savannah State College has established The Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence whereby alumni, members of the community, and corporations are chosen by a jury appointed by the President to be honored for outstanding repute as leaders in their respective fields of endeavor. Nominations for the honor are made by the alumni, the student body, and the faculty. The Award commemorates Major Richard R. Wright, the first President of Savannah State College.

To qualify to receive this Award, an alumnus, a member of the community, or a corporation must have worked constructively to change the pulse of the community for the better. The parties cited must have used innovative approaches in opening new avenues of awareness for the individual and society as a whole. The honorees must have utilized scholarly means which address the needs of the public and attempt to improve the human condition. Recipients of this Award must be eclectic thinkers who have proven themselves able to transcend the false pride that tempers self-aggrandizement.

The Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence will not be given injudiciously. Those parties that receive the Award will be noted for their expertise in social, educational, and civic arenas.

The College will recognize recipients of the Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence at Commencement Convocations.

Since the Board of Regents does not allow any of the state colleges to confer honorary degrees, this Award is given by Savannah State College in lieu of them.

The Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence
August 9, 1973

Presentations by Norman Benedict Elmore, M. A.
Assistant Professor of English, Savannah State College

Citations by Prince Albert Jackson, Jr., Ph.D., President
Savannah State College

Assistant Professor Elmore

WESTLEY W. LAW, a distinguished alumnus of Savannah State College, a beloved and respected champion of the rights of the common man, began his service to the City of Savannah and the State of Georgia immediately after he received the baccalaureate degree in Natural Sciences from Savannah State College in 1948. Mr. Law is a paragon among civil rights leaders and a dynamic model of the cosmic man. One could not adequately describe Westley W. Law without mentioning his commitment to the ideals and goals of the NAACP, an organization that he has supported and continues to support with unwavering faith and unrelenting fervor. Long before mass demonstrations and Supreme Court decisions abolished the sinister abyss of segregation, Westley W. Law incessantly reminded both Blacks and Whites that no American would be free until all Americans shared the fruits of truth, liberty, justice, and peace.

Mr. President, I present to you Mr. Westley W. Law, President of the Savannah Branch of the NAACP and former President of the Georgia Conference of the NAACP to receive the Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence. He, like Socrates, has proved that the examined life is worth living. Mr. Law.

President Jackson

WESTLEY W. LAW, scholarly citizen, brilliant leader of men, compassionate counselor and teacher of the down-trodden, your commitment to the dignity of the common man has enhanced the Savannah community and exalted the pulse of the larger American society. By the authority vested in me as President of Savannah State College, I am sincerely honored to award you the Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence.

Assistant Professor Elmore

EUGENE H. GADSDEN, alumnus of Savannah State College, Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), and the School of Law of the North Carolina Central University, has been associated for the major portion of his adult life with the dispatch of justice and the eloquent practice of law. His professional accomplishments are matched only by his singular dedication to the public domain. Years before they became the hue and cry, he was a tenacious apostle of Legal Aid, a staunch defender of the NAACP, and a bulwark of the Democratic Party. Mr. Gadsden's devotion to social action is crystallized by his memberships in Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and the Sigma Phi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. President, Sterling Brown has written:

> *"One thing they cannot prohibit—*
> *The strong men . . . coming on*
> *The strong men gittin' stronger . . ."*

I present a strong man, Attorney Eugene H. Gadsden, to receive the Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence. Attorney Gadsden.

President Jackson

EUGENE H. GADSDEN, you have lived your life according to the highest ideals of your profession and you have served as a beacon of hope for those who thought that life itself was devoid of light. You have practiced and dispatched the law most judiciously. You have demonstrated in your own provocative style the biblical axiom: "He who humbles himself shall be exalted . . ." In recognition of your service to the Savannah community, and to mankind in general, I am singularly pleased to award you the Major Richard R. Wright Award of Excellence.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

ACADEMIC PROCESSION: "God of Our Fathers" ..... George W. Warren
Coleridge A. Braithwaite, Ed.D., Organist

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ..... Ludwig Von Beethoven
Audience

INVOCATION ..... The Reverend Frank C. Mattox, D.D.
Pastor, Saint Philips Monumental A.M.E. Church
Savannah, Georgia

RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" ..... George Whelpton
Audience

SELECTION: "The Impossible Dream" ..... Mitch Leigh
Brenda Faison, '75, Soprano
Doris Isaac, '73, Accompanist

THE MAJOR RICHARD R. WRIGHT AWARDS ..... Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.
President

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER ..... Prince A. Jackson, Jr., Ph.D.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Luetta Colvin Milledge, Ph.D.
Professor and Head, Department of English, Savannah State College

SELECTION: "Nobody Knows de Trouble I've Seen" ..... Harry T. Burleigh
Miss Faison

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Division of Technical Sciences ..... Clyde W. Hall, Ed.D.
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President, Savannah State College National Alumni Association
Washington, D.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN ..... J. Randolph Fisher-Hillary Hatchett

BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Samuel Williams, B.D.
College Minister

THREE-FOLD AMEN

*RECESSIONAL: "Triumphal March" (from "Aida") ..... Giuseppe Verdi

*The audience is requested to remain seated until the procession has exited

Degrees Conferred

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Murriel Jackson ..... Collins
Mckenzie Jenkins ..... Desoto
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Gwendolyn Walker Mencer ..... Savannah
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Trade & Industrial

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Trade & Industrial

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Mathematics

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Art

Betty Raye Downing ..... Savannah
Business

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Industrial

Freddy J. Geiger ..... Claxton
Mathematics

Kenneth M. Greene ..... Savannah
Industrial Arts

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Brenda Dale King ..... Thomasville
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English

Johnny E. Polite ..... Savannah
Industrial Arts

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Industrial Arts

Isabell Denise Sanders ..... Savannah
Mathematics

Julia Paulk Sayles ..... Wayeross
Business

Patrieia Byrd Scott ..... Savannah
Art

Cheryl Lavon Smith ..... Savannah
English

Geveva Wilhemenia Stewart ..... Savannah
Mathematics

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Business

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Edward Williams ..... Savannah

Mathematics

William George Anderson ..... Savannah
George Lee Brown ..... Savannah
Irvin W. Campbell ..... Savannah
Terrance Jaudon Dykes ..... Savannah
Barbara Frazier ..... Savannah
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Vanzena Dykes ..... Abbeville
Judy Ann Evans ..... Savannah
Loretta Gibbs ..... Thomasville
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Faye Carswell Hunter ..... Savannah
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Sherill Winifred Macon ..... Savannah
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Carol Elaine Singleton ..... Savannah
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Carlton Moffett ..... Savannah

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Lawrence Benjamin Thomas ..... Savannah

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Arsula Allen	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1945
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Verdell L. Miller Braxton	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1969
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Pearl Singleton LeValle	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1963
Alexander Spensor Luten	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1955
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Gloria Thomas Mims	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1966
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Berneatha H. Moseley	B.S.	Degree	Benedict College	1958
Vernon Jerome Neely	A.B.	Degree	University of Georgia	1972
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Joseph R. Owens	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1958
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Mary Frances Brown Shank	A.B.	Degree	Spelman College	1955
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Annie B. Grant Smalls	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1969
Sarah Rose Stafford	B.S.	Degree	Savannah State College	1958
Virginia Turner Stripling	B.S.	Degree	Fort Valley State College	1945
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Barbara S. Woods	B.F.A.	Degree	Wesleyan Conservatory	1950

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the Joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

Amen.

SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE HYMN

Let us give thanks and praise to Thee,
To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.
Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
Help us know that life, short or long,
Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

REFRAIN

Where Savannah meets the sea,
Where grassy plains and palms abound,
Where the flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
There S.S.C. is found.
We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
Our all we pledge to Thee!
In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee.
We hail Thee, S.S.C.

—J. Randolph Fisher
Hillary Hatchett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1973 Fall Quarter ..... Freshmen, September 17
Upperclassmen, September 20

ACADEMIC COSTUMES

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress has the same design for all degrees; black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree, worn open or closed has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is, however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Agriculture	Maise
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Business	Drab
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Music	Pink
Oratory—(Speech)	Silver Gray
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Physical Education	Sage Green
Science	Golden Yellow
Theology	Scarlet

At Savannah State College, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.